



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

Friday Provider Meeting Transcript – April 30th, 2021

00:13:51 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Here are our meeting norms for the Friday meeting:

00:13:54 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Zoom Norms

Mute yourself when not talking.

Use Zoom's raise hand feature if you have something to say.

Limit distractions by turning off your camera if you need to take another call.

Community Norms

Lead with a racial equity lens.

Be aware of power dynamics.

Challenge concepts, not people.

Listen to learn.

One person speaks at a time.

Speak from your own experience.

Make space, take space.

Assume best intentions and take responsibility for impact.

Be aware of time and agenda.

00:14:14 - Jenny Lorton: - Yesterday was Willie Nelson's birthday Jan!

00:14:20 - Sheila Miraflor: - I love how we are now being referred to as "critical mass"! I take it as a compliment!

00:14:45 - Jeffrey Boyce: - I have my Willie Nelson shirt on.

00:15:20 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - I like your shirt, Michael Yoder!

00:15:51 - Nancy Huseman: - I am a Health Home case worker with Community Health Care working with clients who are currently homeless

00:17:18 - Michael Yoder: - Obviously I have no other meetings today :-)

00:18:06 - Dionne Jacobson: - Hello, I am Dionne- I am the Outreach Manager for St. Vincent de Paul. We provide emergency services to community members in need, with an emphasis on homelessness prevention. I am newer to attending these meetings and find them incredibly valuable. Working from home today with background distractions so kindly keeping my camera off.

00:18:20 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Welcome, Dionne!

00:19:03 - Greg Walker: - @Michael Yoder throwing shade, as if it wouldn't be appropriate to wear that shirt to other meetings.

00:19:28 - Rosemary Powers: - PROPOSED COALITION MEETING NORMS

ZOOM NORMS

1. - Mute yourself when not talking.

2. - Use Zoom's raise hand feature if you have something to say.

3. - Limit distractions by turning off your camera if you need to take another call.

COMMUNITY NORMS

1. - Lead with a racial equity lens.

2. - Be aware of power dynamics.

3. - Challenge concepts, not people.

4. - Listen to learn.

5. - One person speaks at a time.

6. - Speak from your own experience.

00:19:41 - Michael Yoder: - Indeed, Greg, proudly so!

00:24:35 - Nancy Huseman: - Can you repeat the name of the outreach program for those on the street?



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

00:24:49 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - We need to fund Positive interactions for after hours
00:25:09 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Let me grab a phone number...it is Positive Interactions, which is a program of Comprehensive Life Resources.
00:25:21 - Nancy Huseman: - Perfect thank you
00:26:22 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Homeless Outreach Services
<https://www.comprehensiveliferesources.org/new-page>
00:26:33 - Sarah Ciabrone: - We can provide/offer services to anyone who has experienced commercial sexual exploitation - Sex Trafficking & Exploitation Program hotline 253-444-5351, M-F 8AM-6PM
00:29:02 - Gerrit Nyland: - Sarah Miller and Andrew Austin both volunteered with me on the City of Tacoma Transportation Commission. They are rock stars - great to work with, and put a lot of time and thought into making our community better. So glad they are here today.
00:29:44 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - I can attest, they are rock stars.
00:30:44 - Sarah Miller: - sarah.miller@soundtransit.org
00:31:07 - Sarah Miller: - Thanks, Gerrit
00:32:53 - Gerald Daniels: - Hi Sarah, Gerald Daniels, please call or email me at (253)777-2625 or Gerald@risecenterofhilltop.org
00:34:02 - Maureen Howard: - Valeri Knight convenes the Outreach teams
00:34:24 - Valeri Knight: - Happy to email all outreach teams at the same time if that is helpful
00:34:34 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Thank you, Valeri!
00:34:55 - Maureen Howard: - Maybe outreach teams meet with Sarah to work through a process that works for everyone
00:35:10 - Valeri Knight: - happy to coordinate if that is helpful to the community
00:36:00 - Valeri Knight: - awe thanks :)
00:36:50 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Outreach with a couple kinds of information, and goodies!
00:36:50 - Kevin Glackin-Coley: - Sarah - you can email me at kglackincoley@pchomeless.org
00:37:11 - Valeri Knight: - starting an email with outreach teams, Sarah, Kevin, Maureen, Gerrit, and Jan
00:37:21 - Gerrit Nyland: - Thanks Valeri.
00:37:32 - Kevin Glackin-Coley: - I am here but mostly lurking as I still have a headache following my second dose
00:37:39 - Kevin Glackin-Coley: - Thanks Valerie
00:37:54 - Valeri Knight: - Totally feel it Kevin. I was the same. rest and it does get better more quickly.
00:38:01 - Maureen Howard: - The Safe Sites for All group might want to invite Sarah to meet with them
00:38:06 - Sarah Miller: - Thanks, everything this has been really helpful!
00:39:01 - Sharon Lee: - Can I screen share
00:40:20 - Maureen Howard: - John - isn't that THA land?
00:45:22 - Valeri Knight: - outreach meeting set for 11am Tuesday to discuss Pierce Transit encampment. if you want to be included please email me at valeri.knight@piercecountywa.gov
00:46:18 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Low Income Housing Institute or LIHI
00:47:07 - Valeri Knight: - contact me and I can look them up in the system and connect you with the assigned provider or the agency that made most recent contact with the shelters and outreach teams
00:47:50 - John Brown: - John.brown@lihi.org
00:48:50 - Maureen Howard: - Nice to see the "real" Sharon Lee!
00:50:03 - Valeri Knight: - which TEMS site is being asked to be moved? TEMS 1, TEMS 2, or TEMS 3?
00:50:43 - Maureen Howard: - TEMS 1 went away and turned into TEMS 2 - that's the one LIHI is talking about
00:50:51 - Sharon Lee: - TEMS 2
00:50:58 - Valeri Knight: - thank you
00:55:06 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Everyone attend! I plan to be watching the meeting on Tuesday.



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

00:56:09 - Cynthia Stewart: - Is the current draft available to review?

00:57:04 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Thank you noble representatives!

00:57:20 - Cynthia Stewart: - Thank you, Maureen!

01:01:25 - Gerrit Nyland: - The Action Plan developed by the County Ad Hoc Committee to the County Human Services Committee is next Wednesday, May 4th, at 9:30am

Link for Human Services Committee: <https://piercecountywa.zoom.us/j/93033053935>

Human Services Committee agenda and packet information:

<https://www.piercecountywa.gov/5179/Human-Services-Committee>

01:01:59 - Gerrit Nyland: - Oops - Tuesday, May 4th at 9:30am - Tuesday, not Wednesday

01:02:58 - Cynthia Stewart: - Thanks to all who weighed in on the critical housing and homelessness issues and also capital gains tax and working families tax exemption. What a session this was! Your help was invaluable. I sent this awhile ago, when Maureen first started talking but unfortunately to only one of you. I wanted to be sure you all see this message of appreciation.

01:03:04 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Thank you, Gerrit!

01:06:56 - Rosemary Powers: - Thank you very much Cynthia for all the testifying at the legislature. I know the legislation was strengthened with the insights you provided to representatives.

01:08:29 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - We are the first state in the nation to offer universal right to counsel!

01:09:20 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Thank you Cynthia - you are wonderfully persistent and persistently wonderful.

01:10:49 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Thank you Cynthia

01:10:51 - Courtney Chandler: - If there are any outreach teams available to come down to 38th and G. There is a man sleeping in the door way, his name is Kenny, and he has not ever been connected with CE. I gave him my card and a blanket for now, but if anyone is able to get down here and help him out, today, that would be amazing.

01:15:01 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Yes - this is a hopeful time!

01:15:13 - Gerrit Nyland: - Sign up for any of our listservs at <https://pchomeless.org/Home/Listserv>

Current listservs:

- * Coalition Listserv - our main listserv with news, announcements, resource requests and the like

- * Meeting Announcements - one or two weekly emails with the meeting agenda zoom link

- * Coalition Steering Committee - discussion and announcements for the group supporting the Coalition

- * Housing Committee - news, discussion and meeting announcements for a new Coalition committee working on permanent housing for those under 30% AMI

- * Safe Sites for All - was the safe parking network, but now include safe encampments - news, discussion and meeting announcements

01:18:53 - Klarissa Monteros: - <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/tacoma/jobs/3025862/community-safety-analyst-temporary-management-analyst-ii-neighborhood-commu?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

01:19:58 - Klarissa Monteros: - <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7142/Rental-Assistance>

01:20:12 - Klarissa Monteros: - City Authorized Emergency Shelter Sites - City of Tacoma

01:20:58 - Klarissa Monteros: -

https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city_departments/neighborhood_and_community_services/homelessness_services/city_authorized_emergency_shelter_sites

01:21:08 - Nancy Huseman: - just lost connection and lost all of your contacts, please send again.

01:22:52 - Gerrit Nyland: - I'll post the chat with the contact information on the Coalition Homeless website in the next day or two.



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

- 01:23:53 - Sheila Miraflor: - Pierce County has the best rental/utility assistance program in the area! And so well organized! King County's won't open until May 17th.
- 01:24:57 - Valeri Knight: - Thanks Sheila.:)
- 01:25:07 - Dionne Jacobson: - Valaeri- is the preventionrentalassistance email still the best place to direct those who have applied for assistance, but not heard from the organization they have been referred to?
- 01:25:55 - Valeri Knight: - @Dionne yes but we are not giving status updates as there are no updates to give. Once they are referred to a provider, they will see a status change in the portal and the provider will reach out
- 01:26:12 - Dionne Jacobson: - Great, thank you!
- 01:26:23 - Valeri Knight: - with the federal requirement to prioritization, we cant give a solid timeline for services unfortunately
- 01:29:44 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - It is a very colorful document!
- 01:29:52 - Sherri Jensen: - So hard for folks to get employment with criminal convictions on their record. Criminal trespass prohibits them from lots of placements
- 01:31:28 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Agreed, Sherri. We would prefer to have any criminalization removed from the ordinance.
- 01:35:35 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Council member Thoms has been very open and solutions focused. Does not want criminalization of homelessness. He's taken leadership in arranging for meetings and collaboration and is committed to creating an ordinance that will work. Mayor and deputy mayor are also working with us. Heartening movement - we'll see where it goes.
- 01:38:53 - Gerald Daniels: - Courtney, I'll see if I can get someone over there today
- 01:41:28 - Laurie Davenport: - We can't reinforce enough how oppressive fines and citations — no matter how small — for people who will never be able to afford to pay them. We have had overwhelming response to every legal financial obligations clinic we offer.
- 01:45:16 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - I am hopeful that these meetings will help make Council members and others more aware of the positive stories that are happening in the community.
- 01:45:35 - Jennifer Ammons: - I continue to be amazed at the enormous positive changes that small groups from this coalition are making happen! Well done!
- 01:45:49 - Jenny Lorton: - Our Navigation Team spends a lot of time with almost every client we work with to resolve fines and citations, because these create a barrier for them to get into permanent housing.
- 01:46:35 - Laurie Davenport: - I really appreciate your doing that work, Jenny.
- 01:46:55 - Jenny Lorton: - We appreciate your team as well Laurie, your support is invaluable to our clients!
- 01:47:50 - Laurie Davenport: - We're working on getting regular LFO/record vacation clinics going — lots going on with Right to Counsel but it's a priority for us.
- 01:48:19 - Maureen Howard: - Try to get after hours response to COVID positive folks in the encampments -
- 01:49:25 - Janet Runbeck: - I'll follow up with that Maureen.
- 01:49:27 - Sherri Jensen: - LOVE that idea Gerrit!
- 01:49:30 - Stacey Soltoff: - Gerrit, that would be amazing!
- 01:49:33 - Jennifer Ammons: - Yes!
- 01:49:38 - Michelle Massero: - Very useful, Thanks!
- 01:49:43 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Useful!
- 01:49:49 - RoxAnne Simon: - Yes!
- 01:49:50 - Stacey Soltoff: - Would there be away to tag contacts in the directory for the kind of services they provide?
- 01:49:52 - Gail Misner: - yes
- 01:50:17 - Laurie Davenport: - Useful!



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

01:51:31 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Please take a few moments today to look at the Coalition website:
<http://www.pchomeless.org>

01:51:39 - Dana Peregrine: - Yes, contact info. would be useful. When I first got involved, and still now, it has been and is difficult to follow-up with people due to no names or contact info outside of Friday meetings. And yes, reasons to specifically use the published contact info would be valuable.

01:52:28 - Gail Misner: - Empowerment!

01:52:36 - James Pogue: - Someone has to pay for that to be maintained

01:52:56 - Rosemary Powers: - I also think a directory for member contacts would be a great idea

01:53:35 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Another grant (Gerrit should be the recipient)

01:54:32 - Reanna Bettencourt: - Hi all - Had to take a call. Please reach out to me at mptoniec@tpchd.org for vaccine information, questions, or concerns! Have a great day.

01:56:33 - Michelle Massero: - Just an FYI Tacoma Public Library and Pierce County Library have free COVID19 test kits available. Kits do need to be registered online.